

*City of Alexandria*  
Transportation Commission

October 1, 2008  
7:30 p.m.  
City Hall, Room 1101

**MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: Jayme Blakesley, Carol Braegelmann, Donna Fossum, Sean Kumar, Timothy Lovain, Jennifer Mitchell, Kevin Posey, Larry Robinson

Commissioners Absent: William Euille

Others present: Rich Baier, T&ES; Tom Culpepper, T&ES; Karl Moritz, P&Z; Rich Josephson; P&Z; Pat Mann, P&Z; Sandy Modell, DASH:

1. Minutes of the October 1, 2008, meeting.

The minutes of the October 1, 2008, meeting were presented and approved with one correction.

2. Proposed Metro Rail Blue Line Realignment.

Jim Hughes, WMATA Managing Director of Operations presented the proposed realignment plan to the Commission. Following discussion of this proposal, the potential impacts to service between Alexandria and Arlington/west DC, and the need to reallocate capacity at the Rosslyn portal in order to accommodate the Dulles extension, the Commission asked to be kept informed as additional information on the impacts of this realignment on Alexandria and the cost of implementation becomes available. The Commission also inquired about the possibility of incorporating station name changes as part of the implementation of this proposed change. Mr. Hughes advised that this proposal will go back to the WMATA board in late 2008 with an update and possibly recommendations. If the change is approved, it could be implemented as soon as next summer, but not before.

3. Alexandria Transit Company: DASH Transit Performance and Service Expansion Plan

Sandy Modell, General Manager of DASH and Raoul Kumar, Transportation Management & Design, presented the draft Transit Performance and Expansion Plan for the DASH bus system to the Commission. The Commission expressed its general support for this plan, and discussed its implementation and associated costs. The plan will be presented to City Council for comment before its final adoption by the Alexandria Transit Company (ATC) Board.

4. Project Update: King and Beauregard Improvements

The Commission was briefed by T&ES Engineering Division staff on the key elements of the capital project to improve the intersection of King and Beauregard Streets, its current status and completion schedule.

5. Commission Bylaws and Officers

The Commission discussed the initial draft of its bylaws and deferred action, requesting a revision to clarify that designating the Director of Transportation and Environmental Services as its secretary ex-officio did not confer Commission membership on this staff position.

6. Preliminary Discussion of the City's Six-Year Improvement Program Funding Request

The Commission received an initial briefing on the City's funding request for the FY 2009-2014 Six Year Improvement Program and the expected urban system formula allocation for the upcoming FY 2010-2015 program. This item will be discussed in greater detail by the Commission a recommendation is submitted to City Council.

7. Other Business

The Commission requested a briefing on the transportation impacts of the Department of Defense decision to relocate its Washington Headquarters Services to Mark Center in Alexandria and related mitigation plans at such time as substantive information becomes available for staff review.

Rich Baier gave brief summary of budget deficit focusing on \$435,000 reduction in transit subsidies.

The Commission was reminded of the joint work session with the Planning Commission on the Transportation Management Plan/Special Use Permit Program Review project. This work session will be held on October 7, 2008 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM in the Council work room. The Commission was also advised of a community meeting on the King-Quaker-Braddock project that will take place on October 8, 2008 in the Minnie Middle School cafeteria beginning at 7:00 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.